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SUBJ: GVN- PRG BILATERALS: SIXTH PLENARY

1. SUMMARY: IN SIXTH PLENARY SESSION OF GVN- PRG BILATERAL TALKS, GVN DEL PRESENTED REVISED AGENDA PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD SUBSUME POINTS OF MAJOR DISAGREEMENT (DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES AND DEMOBILIZATION OF FORCES) UNDER HEADING ENTITLED " CONDITIONS FOR FREE AND HONEST ELECTIONS." PRG DEL' S PROPOSED PRESENTATION CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF POLEMICS, MUCH OF IT DIRECTED AT US, REMINISCENT IN TONE TO MADAM BINH AT KLEBER. IN RESPONSE TO GVN AGENDA PROPOSAL, PRG DEL HIEU DECLARED THAT IT WAS NOTHING NEW. WHILE COMMANDING LOGIC OF ORIGINAL PRG AGENDA PROPOSAL, HIEU OFFERED TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF " MEANS TO STABILIZE SITUATION," TO INCLUDE, FIRST OF ALL, TOTAL END TO US " INTERVENTION" IN SVN. SEVENTH PLENARY WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 18. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING FIRST, PRG DELEGATE HIEU PRESENTED HARSH AND VITUPERATIVE INDICTMENT OF US / GVN ACTIONS SINCE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. HE DECLARED THAT SAN CLEMENTE COMMUNIQUE AND " BELICOSE STATEMENTS" OF SEC DEF SHOW THAT US INTENDS NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN BUT TO INTENSIFY ITS MILITARY AND POLITICAL INTERVENTION IN INDOCHINA. IN THROWBACK TO RHETORIC OF KLEBER, HIEU DENOUNCED NIXON DOCTRINE AND VIETNAMIZATION (A MEANS " TO CHANGE COLOR OF THE CORPSES"), AND GVN AS NEO- COLONIALIST TOOL. HE ACCUSED GVN OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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" INCREASINGLY GRAVE" VIOLATIONS OF THOSE CLAUSES OF AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO CEASEFIRE, QUESTION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, AND

RELEASE OF CIVIL DETAINEES, AND CALLED FOR " STRICT EXECUTIONS"
OF ALL ASPECTS OF AGREEMENT BY GVN.

3. GVN DEL VIEN NOTED SORRY STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT,
FOR WHICH HE SAID PRG SOLELY RESPONSIBLE. HE CONTRASTED GVN AND
PRG PERFORMANCES IN AREAS OF PW EXCHANGE, CIVIL DETAINEES, MAINT-
ENANCE OF CEASE- FIRE- IN- PLACE, AND POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS THEM-
SELVES. VIEN THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF AGENDA. NOTING THAT
VERSIONS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED CONTAINED TWO POINTS IN COMMON (EL-
ECTIONS AND FORMATION OF NCNRC), AND TWO POINTS WHICH OPPOS-
ING SIDES APPROACHED DIFFERENTLY (DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM AND RE-
DUCTION/ DEMOBILIZATION OF FORCES), VIEN PROPOSED FOLLOWING " COM-
PROMISE" AGENDA FORMULA:

I. GENERAL ELECTIONS.

A. INSTITUTIONS TO BE ELECTED.

B. CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR FREE AND HONEST ELECTIONS.

1. GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES.

2. SOLUTION TO QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE AND ARMED FORCES
IN SVN.

II. NCNRC.

A. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION.

B. COMPOSITION.

4. VIEN EMPHASIZED THAT FOREGOING WAS DESIGNED TO EXPLOIT AREAS
OF AGREEMENT AND MINIMIZE POINTS AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES,
AND HE CALLED FOR FAVORABLE PRG RESPONSE.

5. PRG REACTION WAS NEGATIVE. HIEU SAID PROPOSAL WAS ONLY A
RESHUFFLING OF PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND A REVISED ATTEMPT TO
EVADE DISCUSSION OF URGENT QUESTION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES.
HE ADDED THAT DEMOBILIZATION OF FORCES WAS MATTER TO BE
ADDRESSED AT LATER TIME AND WAS NOT OF SAME URGENCY AS QUESTION
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OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES. HIEU REITERATED PRG PREFERENCE FOR
ITS ORIGINAL AGENDA PROPOSAL, BUT SAID THAT FACED WITH
" INCREASINGLY GRAVE" VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT BY US AND GVN,
AND IN RESPONSE TO GVN PROPOSALS, PRG BELIEVED BILATERAL
TALKS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE UP MEASURES TO " STABILIZE SITUA-
TION"; SPECIFICALLY, TO A) TOTALLY ELIMINATE US MILITARY AND
POLITICAL INTERVENTION IN SVN, B) ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE CEASE-
FIRE AND WORKABLE TWO- PARTY JMC, C) GUARANTEE DEMOCRATIC LIBER-

TIES FOR SVN PEOPLE, AND D) ACHIEVE NATIONAL CONCORD.

6. POST- PLENARY PRESS CONFERENCES WERE BRIEF AND UNENLIGHTENING. PRG PRESS SPOKESMAN SAU REITERATED VIEN' S REMARKS TO US/ GVN VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT, ADDING THAT US ACTIONS IN CAMBODIA HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT " GRAVE SITUATION" THERE (AND IMPLYING THAT US MAY BE CONTEMPLATING EVEN FURTHER MEASURES IN VIOLATION OF ART. 20). GVN SPOKESMAN DAN DISCERNED NO CHANGE IN TONE OR SUBSTANCE OF PRG STATEMENTS IN PLENARY, SAYING THAT PRG ONCE AGAIN RAISED ISSUES OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF BILATERAL FORUM OR IRRELEVANT TO ITS PURPOSE AS MEANS OF EVADING SERIOUS DISCUSSION.

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